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30th September, 1960COCOM Document 4160 BCOORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF A STATEMENT BY THE FRENCH DELEGATE

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ONEXPORT OF COBALTUM TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA26th September, 1960

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM Document 4149 and Addendum.

1. The FRENCH Delegate drew the Committee's attention to the Memorandum submitted by his Delegation on the 21st September (COCOM Document 4149) regarding the export to Czechoslovakia of cobaltium covered by Item 1648. The Delegate stated that the competent French officials considered that the quantity requested (800 kgs for 6 months) was "small" since it only amounted to 15% of Czechoslovak needs. The French authorities had nevertheless preferred to ask for the Committee's views before authorising this export despite their belief that it could probably be carried out under the terms of the Note to Item 1648, which permitted the exclusion from the embargo, as administrative exceptions, of small quantities of dental alloys. The Delegate stated that cobaltium was similar to three dental alloys produced in the United States: vitallium, niobium and durallium, which contained from 65 to 66% of cobalt together with other alloying elements such as chromium, molybdenum, silicon, tungsten, manganese and carbon; Germany also produced a similar alloy, dentaform, and in the same category the United Kingdom produced croform. The Delegate submitted to the Committee detailed documentation concerning dental prostheses manufactured with cobaltium, and asked for the setting of an early date for the examination of this proposal.

2. The COMMITTEE agreed that Governments' views on the French proposal would be heard on the 10th October.

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